

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

Claim 6. (Original) A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a transaction defined by a plurality of specified parameters, including the steps of:

providing legacy transactions, and the costs of performing the legacy transactions, meeting the plurality of specified parameters,

providing individual transactions, and the costs of performing the individual transactions, constituting other than the legacy transactions and meeting the plurality of specified parameters,

providing for a display, on a first portion of the display screen, of the legacy transactions and the cost of performing each of the legacy transactions, and

providing for a display, on a second portion of the display screen different from the first portion of the display screen, of the individual transactions and the cost of performing each of the individual transactions.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein the legacy transactions are airline flights from an originating position to a destination on a particular date and the costs of the legacy transactions are provided through a wide area network to the first portion of the display screen and wherein

the individual transactions are airline flights from the originating position to the destination on the particular date and wherein

each of the individual transactions, and the cost of each of the individual transactions[[,]] are provided through the internet to the second portion of the display screen.

Claim 8. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein
the costs of the legacy flights are established and published prices normally
charged for the legacy flights and wherein the costs of the individual flights are prices discounted
from the normally charged prices.

Claim 9. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 7 wherein
the legacy flights are the flights provided by a first group of airlines and the costs
of the legacy flights are established and published prices normally charged by these airlines for
these flights and wherein
the individual flights are flights by airlines other than the first group of airlines
and the costs of these individual flights are the prices charged by the other airlines for these
flights.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein
the legacy transactions are cruises from an originating position to a destination on
a particular date and wherein the legacy transactions and the costs of the legacy transactions are
provided through a wide area network to the first portion of the display screen and wherein
the individual transactions are cruises from the originating positions to the
destinations on the particular date and wherein each of the individual transactions and the cost of
each of the individual transactions are provided through the internet to the second portion of the
display screen and wherein
the costs of the legacy cruises are the prices normally charged for the ~~flights~~
~~cruises~~ and wherein the costs of the individual cruises are the prices discounted from the
normally charged prices for the cruises.

Claim 11. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein

the legacy transactions are car rentals from a first group of car rental agencies and the costs of the car rentals from the first group of rental agencies and wherein the legacy transactions and the costs of the legacy transactions are indicated in the first portion of the display screen and wherein

the individual transactions are car rentals from car rental agencies other than the first group of car rental agencies and wherein the individual transactions and the costs of the individual transactions are indicated in the second portion of the display screen.

Claim 12. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 6 wherein

the legacy transactions are hotel reservations from a first group of hotels and the costs of the hotel reservations from the first group of hotels and wherein the legacy transactions and the costs of the legacy transactions are indicated in the first portion of the display screen and wherein

the individual transactions are from hotel reservations other than the first group of hotels and wherein the individual transactions and the costs of the individual transactions are indicated in the second portion of the display screen.

Claims 13-23 (cancelled)

Claim 24. (Original) A method of providing at a processing station an indication of a transaction defined by a plurality of specified parameters, including the steps of:

providing, in a first protocol, a plurality of legacy transactions including the cost of performing each of the transactions,

providing, in a second protocol different from the first protocol, a plurality of individual transactions including the cost of performing each of the transactions,

providing a protocol compatible with the first and second protocols to obtain in the compatible protocol the indications of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions,

providing a display in a first portion of the display screen, using the compatible protocol, of the legacy transactions,

providing a display in a second portion of the display screen, using the compatible protocol, of the individual transactions.

Claim 25. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 24 wherein

the legacy transactions are flights between originating positions and destinations of scheduled flights on particular days at prices established and published by specific airlines and offered to the public and wherein

the individual flights are the specific legacy flights at prices discounted from the established and published prices.

Claim 26 (Currently amended). A method of providing at a processing station an indication ~~[[of]]~~ [[of]] a minimal price for a transaction, including the steps of:

providing prices for the transaction~~[[s]]~~ [[s]] at the processing station from a plurality of first sources offering established and published prices for the transaction,

providing for the transmission of the published prices from the first sources to the processing station ~~through a wide area network,~~

~~providing for the transmission of the published prices from the first sources to the processing station through a wide area network,~~

providing from the first sources prices discounted for the transactions from the published prices ~~[[from]]~~ [[from]] the first sources,

providing for the transmission of the ~~published~~ discounted prices from the first sources to the processing station ~~through the network,~~ and

displaying the published prices from the first source[[s]] and the discounted prices from the first source[[s]] simultaneously on a display screen at the processing station.

Claim 27. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 28 wherein the published prices for the transactions are provided with a first protocol and wherein the discounted prices for the transactions are provided with a second protocol different from the first protocol and wherein the first and second protocols are made compatible and wherein the published prices and the discounted prices in the compatible format are displayed simultaneously on the display screen.

Claim 28. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 28, including the steps of:

providing prices for the transaction at the processing station from at least one second source offering published prices for the second source, the second source being different from the first source,

providing for the transmission of the published prices from the at least one second source to the processing station ~~through the internet~~, and

displaying the published prices from the at least one second source on the display screen simultaneously with the display of the published prices and the discounted prices from the first sources.

Claim 29. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 28 wherein the published prices from the at least one second source is provided with a protocol different from one of the first and second protocols and wherein

the protocol from the at least one second source[[s]] is made compatible with the compatible first and second protocols and wherein

the published prices and discount prices from the first sources and the published price from the at least one second source, in the compatible format, are displayed simultaneously on the display screen.

Claim 30. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 31 wherein
the published prices from the first sources in the compatible format are displayed on a first portion of the display screen and wherein
the discounted prices from the first sources, and the published prices from the at least one second source, are displayed in the compatible format on a second portion of the display screen.

Claim 31. (Currently amended) A method of providing for billing a particular transaction, including the steps of:
providing in a legacy server legacy transactions, and the prices of performing the legacy transactions, relating to the particular transaction,
providing in at least a second server individual transactions, and the prices of performing the individual transactions, relating to the particular transaction,
providing, at a processing station displaced from the legacy server, a database having a volatile memory for storing indications of the legacy transactions relating to the particular transaction[[7]] and the prices of performing the legacy transactions[[1]] and indications of the individual transactions and the prices of performing the individual transactions,
indicating in the database a selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions as the particular transaction and indicating the price for performing the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions, and

communicating to the legacy server the indications of the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions and the price for performing the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions.

Claim 32. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 3~~[[3]]~~~~[[1]]~~, including the steps of:

providing a printer at the legacy server, and
printing ~~a ticket~~ in the printer at the legacy server a ticket providing for the performance of the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the particular transaction.

Claim 33. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 3~~[[3]]~~~~[[1]]~~ wherein
the legacy transactions have a first protocol and wherein
the individual transactions have at least a second protocol different from the first protocol and wherein
the database at the processing station provides a protocol compatible with the first protocol and the at least second protocol and processes the legacy transactions and the individual transactions in the compatible protocol.

Claim 34. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 36 wherein
the indications of the legacy transactions are provided to the database at the processing station through the a wide area network and wherein
the indications of the individual transactions are provided through the internet to the database at the processing station.

Claim 35. (Previously amended) A method as set forth in claim 33 wherein
the transactions are airline flights on a particular date between a particular
originating location and a particular destination and wherein
the legacy transactions are airline flights serviced by a global distribution system
including Sabre, Galileo, Amadeus and Worldspan and provided by a number of the major
airlines and wherein
the individual transactions are airline flights provided by a number of airlines
other than those serviced by the global distribution system.

Claim 36. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim 3~~[[7]]~~~~[[5]]~~ wherein
the legacy transactions have a first protocol and wherein
the individual transactions have at least a second protocol different from the first
protocol and wherein
the database at the processing station provides a protocol compatible with the first
protocol and the at least second protocol and processes the legacy transactions and the individual
transactions in the compatible protocol and wherein
the indications of the legacy transactions are provided to the database at the
processing station through a wide area network and wherein
the indications of the individual transactions are provided through the internet to
the database at the processing station and wherein
the transactions are airline flights on a particular date between a particular
originating location and a particular destination and wherein
the legacy transactions are airline flights serviced by a global distribution system,
including Sabre, Galileo, Amadeus and Worldspan and provided by a number of the major
airlines and wherein
the individual transactions are airline flights provided by a number of airlines
other than those serviced by the global distribution system.

Claim 37. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 33, including the steps of:
providing an accounting application at the legacy server, and
operating the accounting application at the legacy server to provide an accounting record of the selected one of the legacy and individual transactions as the particular transaction and to provide an accounting record of the price of the selected one of the transactions.

Claim 38. (Currently amended) A method of providing at a processing station for a billing of a particular transaction, including the steps of:
providing legacy transactions and the price of performing the legacy transactions,
providing individual transactions and the price of performing the individual transactions,
providing a local area network and a printer at the processing station,
providing at the processing station a database for storing volatile information including a selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions[[.]] and the price of performing the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions[[.]] as the particular transaction,
providing for the passage through the internet to the printer of the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions as the particular transaction and of the price for performing the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions, and
printing at the printer the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions and the cost of performing the selected one of the legacy transactions and the individual transactions.

Claim 39. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 40 wherein
the legacy transactions and the price of performing the legacy transactions are transmitted to the processing station through a wide area network and wherein

the individual transactions and the price of performing the individual transactions are transmitted to the processing station through the internet.

Claim 40. (Currently amended) A method as set forth in claim ~~[[40]]~~[[38]] wherein the legacy transactions are provided in a first protocol and wherein the individual transactions are provided in a second protocol and wherein the first and second protocols are made compatible at the processing station.

Claim 41. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 40 wherein the legacy transactions and the price for performing the legacy transactions are displayed in a first portion of a display screen at the processing station and wherein the individual transactions and the prices for performing the individual transactions are displayed in a second portion of the display screen at the processing station.

Claim 42. (Original) A method as set forth in claim 41 wherein the legacy transactions are provided in a first protocol and wherein the individual transactions are provided in a second protocol and wherein the first and second protocols are made compatible at the processing station and wherein the legacy transactions and the price for performing the legacy transactions are displayed in a first portion of a display screen at the processing station and wherein the individual transactions and the prices for performing the individual transactions are displayed in a second portion of the display screen at the processing station.

Claims 43-58 (cancelled)

Claims 101-113 (cancelled)